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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Karl J. Puttlitz

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For: PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR PRODUCT OF DEHYDRATION REACTION AND
APPARATUS USED FOR THE PRODUCTION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 17, 2003 from December 17, 2003, to Saturday, January 17, 2004, thus allowing for timely filing on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 (further in view of Monday, January 19, 2004 being a U.S. holiday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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